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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Examiner Name Eron J. Sorrell
Art Unit 2182
Attorney Docket No. 16869K-093800US

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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25	
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100	
Multiple dependent claims	360	180	

Total Claims -20 or HP = Extra Claims x Fee (\$) = Fee Paid (\$)
Multiple Dependent Claims
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HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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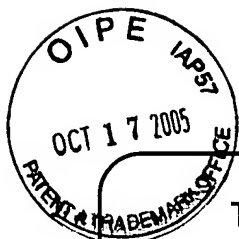
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Masataka INNAN, et al.

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For: STORAGE SYSTEM, AND
METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE
SAME

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